

Rule #	Comment
36	Should any memorial become a hazard to the safety of persons within the cemetery, the Cemetery Administrator has the right to correct the condition or remove the memorial. If the Cemetery Administrator determines that a memorial must be removed, he or she shall attempt to contact the owner to advise him or her of the required removal and the associated expense. If cemetery personnel have contact information for the owner available within their contact management systems, they shall attempt to contact the owner using such contact information. If cemetery personnel do not possess contact information for the owner, they shall make a reasonable attempt to find such information and they will place notice on the space. The Cemetery Administrator shall consult as required with the City of Austin Historic Landmark Commission concerning alterations to, or removal of, memorials. The expense associated with removing or repairing memorials may be charged to the owner.
36	I read the draft of the rules, and have only one suggestion. In item 36, it is mentioned that the City of Austin Historical Society should be consulted before certain things are done. Is it not true that the State Historical Society also should be consulted before significant changes are made?
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43	The Cemetery Administrator reserves the right to approve the size, craftsmanship, quality, inscriptions, and foundations of memorials placed or to be placed in the cemeteries.
43	Why do inscriptions must be approved - can we just limit by saying no profanities, offensive language, etc.
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46	The Memorialization Space is for the purpose of memorializing loved ones, is located within the space (as defined in Rule # 6), and shall not exceed the following dimensions: - 36 inches (36") in length from the top of the space- The width of the space less 10 inches (10"), specifically 5 inches (5") on each side- 48 inches (48") in heightFor spaces designed specifically for cremains, the Memorialization Space shall not exceed the following dimensions:- 16 inches (16") in length from the top of the space- The width of the space less 10 inches (10"), specifically 5 inches (5") on each side. Multiple adjoining spaces owned by the same owner may be combined and shall maintain the width limit in aggregate.- 24 inches (24") in height
46	Memorialization space should not be higher than what is allowed for memorials (42") should be restricted to something more reasonable in the 24-32" range
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47	Owners may place plants, memorabilia, and other objects within the boundaries of their Memorialization Space. All items must be firmly anchored to secure and prevent the item or any parts of that item from leaning, falling over, breaking or blowing outside of the confines of the space. The Cemetery reserves the right to move or remove items that fall outside the Memorialization Space.
47	Rule # 47 - should be required to notify owner PRIOR TO removal and allow time for owner to remedy
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50	The only items that may be placed outside of the Memorialization Space are chairs or benches with the approval of the Cemetery Administrator (reference Rule #63) and temporary funeral floral pieces (reference Rule #64).
50	Take out discretion to approve benches - benches should be allowed to be installed and must meet the requirements outlined in rule #63 (with the addition of wood as an approved material)
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61	Signs or plaques may be installed only with the permission of the Cemetery Administrator.
61	Should not allow Cemetery Administrator so much discretion. Set out requirements the plaque must meet in order to be approved.
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63	Chairs and benches may be placed at the foot of a space only with the permission of the Cemetery Administrator. The length of the bench seat must be 10 inches (10") shorter than the width of the space; owners of multiple adjoining spaces may seek approval for benches of greater length. Approved chairs and benches shall be firmly anchored in an approved foundation and location and comprised only of the following materials: cast iron, concrete, granite, marble, or other type of stone. Chairs and benches are not permitted on spaces specifically designed for the interment of cremains.
63	Should read similar to memorials as in if an owner owns adjoining lots they can center over or use additional space. Should not be discretionary for the Cemetery Administrator
63	Rule 63 should include wooden benches as the allowed types of materials
63	Rule # 63 - wooden benches should be permitted
63	Benches should be allowed in adjoining spaces not just at the foot of grave site

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65	Trees may be planted with the approval of the Cemetery Administrator and in accordance with the approved City of Austin Cemeteries Master Plan. Other plants may be planted within the Memorialization Space in accordance with the approved City of Austin Cemeteries Master Plan. The owner is responsible for watering vegetation he or she places within the Memorialization Space.
65	No discretion for Cemetery Administrator to determine whether someone can plant item - should set out what the requirements must be met and that Administrator must be notified prior to planting
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General	General Comment
General	Wood benches should be allowed
General	Generally: Grandfathering existing benches and other violations
General	Bi-weekly clean up
General	Where is memorialization space in relation to cremains? What are the height/space restrictions
General	Wood benches should be allowed
General	I have done extensive "Google" research of "cemetery ornamentation" and found a # of hits. Very few in the USA all any items at all on grave sites;. The rules are very clear - items will be removed.
General	I don't like the new rules including a memorialization area. Memorialization should be in our thoughts or at home not in shrines left on a grave
General	How can you change the rules of a cemetery that plots are sold to the public years ago? You need the signature of all sold plots, before they can be held to the new rules
General	As I read the proposed draft of rules, the above would fall within the rules BUT should be unacceptable. This homemade plaster of paris headstone was installed some time after 1/24/14. It has already lost some of the 1" tiles. This memorial does not meet the criteria of marble, granite or other permanent type stone. If it is moved into your designated memorialization space, I believe it violates the intent of the rules of permanent memorials. There are solar lights, which should be banned. Wind chimes should be banned. Not all love the noise. Many love the complete solitude and are very irritated by the constant "noise" from wind chimes. In regard to the 48" height rule, I strongly believe that is absolutely too high. Very few permanent monuments are that tall. 24" should be the maximum height. I feel strongly that there should be a "2 objects" per space minimum. It seems to me that if the previous guidelines had been consistently and fairly enforced, you would not now be in the position for have to revise the rules. Once done, enforcement will be key and expected by the owner. XXX, owner Austin Memorial Park
General	I reviewed the updated document and feel that, while a few sensible recommendations were disregarded, the changes seem reasonably balanced related to plot owners' rights & responsibilities. There seems to be enough discretion left to the cemetery administrator to solve issues using professional judgment, which is a relief, given our current administrator. The danger, of course, is what happens if we get a new administrator with an "anything goes" attitude, which is what got us into this entire upheaval about rules and regulations to begin with. Another concern due to its potential for abuse is granting a variance for rules that "impede religious or cultural practices." Again, our safeguard is that such decisions are left to the administrator's professional judgment.
General	I knew that Intercare was no longer running the cemeteries but did not know that PARD was undertaking it as an on-going process. I was a bit disappointed that the rules did not mention a restriction such that stuffed animals and other items that get nasty when they are wet are prohibited.